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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets continued moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies ranged short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for mostly normal slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged moderate to instances very good with scattered retail features still moving extra product. Institutional movement moderate to good into resort and vacation areas. Supplies were adequate to at times in close balance. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good for the tight to adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to about adequate. Schedules varied by location. Trade sentiment was steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	EXTRA
LARGE	62-71	64-68	
LARGE	61-69	62-67	
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55	

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	44-48
MEDIUM	33-35
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to at times close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short and demand was moderate to good. Light type fowl were fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-80	70-73
LARGE	62-77	68-69
MEDIUM	51-67	57-59

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand fairly good to good, with scattered retail features providing the best interest. Institutional movement moderate to good with resort and vacation areas showing the most improvement. Supplies were adequate to in close balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-79	72-73
LARGE	66.5-74	68-69
MEDIUM	53.5-60	55-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were irregular to usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for mostly normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-76	70-73
LARGE	59-74	68-71
MEDIUM	52.5-60	53-57

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best where limited feature activity was present. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	64-68

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand in a full range.

	RANGE
Offerings uneven, adequate to close.	
EXTRA LARGE	67-73
LARGE	65-71
MEDIUM	54-60

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last week with California up 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 21%. Retailer demand good. Offerings held confidently.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1 cent higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% higher than last week. Retailer demand good, best to planned features. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 69. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$3, 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	89

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	209-229	LARGE	215-249
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 06, 2003 will increase by 18 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 30, 2003 were 219,349 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	184,466	34,883	219,349
% change from the prior week.....	+4	-21	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with continued confidence. Floor stocks adequate to about adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	44-47	45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-35	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JUN-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.28
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JUN-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.53
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUN 02, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.4	15.7	5.5	11.6	11.2	56.4
	Change	2.4	0.8	1.3	2.2	-1.2	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.8	47.8	13.7	18.4	32.1	135.8
	Change	2.5	7.0	2.1	0.2	0.0	10%
Large	Curr Wk	35.6	81.8	58.5	71.5	92.9	340.3
	Change	-3.0	4.4	5.0	-4.4	-2.5	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.2	38.1	20.0	21.0	38.5	126.8
	Change	0.8	1.1	2.0	-0.9	1.4	4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	4.8	3.3	7.2	5.8	27.5
	Change	2.0	0.2	1.7	0.2	0.1	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	15.7	9.0	14.4	6.2	49.9
	Change	-1.2	-7.1	1.1	0.8	0.5	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	31.8	22.2	25.7	29.5	122.4
	Change	4.7	6.5	2.2	0.5	4.3	17%
Total	Curr Wk	105.2	235.7	132.2	169.8	216.2	859.1
Percent	Change	8%	6%	13%	-1%	1%	5%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		
Shell Egg			859.1	5%			172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			264.8	2%			36
Total Shell Egg			1123.9	4%			208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 19, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							15.75	FUTURE LOADS							11.75	TOTAL LOADS							27.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	51.00	—	—	53.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	66.50	69.00	.75							
GL W XL	—	—	—	62.50	59.00	—	5.25		GL W XL	58.00	—	—	—	66.50	65.57	1.75							
GL W LG	—	—	48.00	—	52.00	—	7.50		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	60.40	5.00							
GL W MD	—	—	48.00	49.50	45.00	—	2.00		NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	47.00	48.00	.25							
GL W SM	30.50	32.50	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.00	2.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/24/03-05/30/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
97.00								59.75				156.75							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	48.00	50.93	54.00	53.63	47.50	—	21.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	2.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	47.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	66.00	—	—	—	—	74.00	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	59.00	—	—	—	66.50	68.44	2.75				
GL W XL	—	61.11	58.08	61.57	57.00	59.00	41.00	GL W XL	55.63	62.00	—	—	66.50	65.10	21.75				
GL W LG	—	63.93	54.20	59.40	52.99	51.00	39.75	GL W LG	55.88	60.27	—	—	—	62.28	32.50				
GL W MD	—	44.00	48.00	49.33	49.00	57.00	9.00	GL W MD	43.80	47.00	43.00	—	44.00	49.14	8.00				
GL W SM	30.50	32.50	30.50	31.83	—	—	4.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	34.00	1.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.50	44.72	44.70	53.00	NRBS - 48	41.50	—	—	—	47.00	48.00	8.25				
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.00	2.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	35.00	33.71	1.75												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/26/03	05/19/03	05/27/02
PACIFIC COAST	153	95	414
LOS ANGELES	132	51	390

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on smalls and higher on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	87.19
LARGE	84.19
MEDIUM	71.57
SMALL	54.27

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 05/18/03-05/24/03
30-dozen case 5825

Receipts from the mainland: 05/11/03-05/17/03
30-dozen case 6668

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/29/2003

Report Period: 5/11/2003 - 5/17/2003

State	# Cases Shipped to Northern California	# Cases Shipped to Central California	# Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	2,430	3,076	5,506
Arkansas	0	2,430	3,240	5,670
Colorado	0	1,920	7,284	9,204
Indiana	0	0	2,450	2,450
Iowa	6,925	14,862	73,662	95,449
Maine	0	0	2,700	2,700
Minnesota	1,560	1,610	13,300	16,470
Missouri	0	0	8,446	8,446
Montana	0	840	780	1,620
Nevada	0	0	792	792
New York	0	0	810	810
North Carolina	0	1,620	3,666	5,286
Ohio	810	2,810	4,680	8,300
Oregon	2,601	5	0	2,606
Texas	0	730	9,050	9,780
Utah	0	660	10,455	11,115
Washington	0	0	588	588
Wisconsin	0	0	3,504	3,504
TOTAL	11,896	29,917	148,483	190,296
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,896	29,917	148,483	190,296